



2019 Youth Rules/Registration

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Anglers shall be school age with eligibility being determined by the Alabama Department of Education guidelines. Captains shall be 21 years of age or older as determined by picture ID on the tournament date. Captains must assume liability in all matters. All participants should familiarize themselves with Alabama Boating License Requirements prior to the operation of a boat.

PRE-ENTRY: Boat numbers for launch sequence are determined as entry monies are received. Entries shall be mailed to OGS Tournaments LLC 3011 Stillwood Way Opelika AL 36804. If full entry has not been received by tournament date, you will be expected to pay all remaining entry fees at the ramp to the tournament official assigned to said task. The tournament director or assistant director has the right to reject any tournament entry and or participant.

FEES: Entry fees are \$100.00 per boat.

PAYBACK: \$10.00 of each entry will go to a big fish pot for the tournament date. The big fish pot will have a 100% payback. \$5.00 of each entry will go into an Average Joe pot. The Average Joe Pot will have a 100% payback. The payback to the field will be 80% of the remaining balance. One place will be paid for every five boats entered.

TEAM MEMBERS: Each boat is limited to two (2) Anglers and a boat Captain. The two (2) Anglers form a team commonly referred to as boater and partner. For year to date points purposes, the Angler identified as the boater shall be awarded all points. Alternates are allowed during the series, yet one of the two original team members must accompany the alternate otherwise a new team is created. Said team of Anglers may use any number of boat Captains through the series, but must use only a previously used boat captain during the classic.

QUALIFYING FISH AND TIME: A limit of fish will be five (5) black bass with no minimum length (spots included). All fish must be caught within tournament hours. No fish shall be taken from waters other than those waters obtainable by boat from the launch point of the tournament. No fishing may occur prior to official launch. Fishing period for this tournament will be, weather permitting, from **Sun Rise to noon central for the first flight**. Flights will be 10 minutes of additional time added for every twenty-five boats entered.

PENALTIES: Competitors who present a bass for weigh-in that is determined to be dead shall accrue a penalty of .250 of a pound or 4 ounces from their total weight. If the dead fish is also the big fish the same penalty will be given towards the big fish pot. Any bass that appears to have been taken unlawfully, mangled, mashed, mauled or snatch hooked will be weighed at the discretion of the tournament director or assistant director. Bass must not be placed on a stringer or on ice at any time. A dead fish may not be culled. At the discretion of the tournament director or assistant director, any fish may become the property of the tournament. Competitors who are not in the official check in area, which is determined by the tournament director, within the time allowed shall be penalized one pound per minute from their big fish, and aggregate total. After fifteen (15) minutes have elapsed, the daily catch will be disqualified. Any team submitting more than five (5) fish to the scale will be penalized by having the entire day's catch disqualified. All protests must be sworn to in writing and accompanied by a \$200 deposit prior to the issuance of awards at any tournament. Deposit maybe refunded pending outcome of polygraph and determination of rules violation.

LEGAL METHOD OF TAKING BASS: Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait, prepared bait, electronic powered baits, cast nets, bread, or baiting pellets, will be permitted on or within tournament boats with the exception of pork stripes, rinds or other baits similar to such baits. Only one (1) casting, spinning, or spin casting rod and reel combination may be used at any one time, others may be in boat, but only one rod per team member can be in use at any one time. The rod may not exceed ten (10) feet in overall length. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner during tournament hours. Foul hooking of bass will not be permitted and shall not be included in the daily catch. Trolling is not permitted. Dip nets are permitted for their lawful intended use. Any violation of this section will result in immediate disqualification.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All persons participating within the tournament must display only the highest form of sportsmanship and fairness. Any intentional actions conducted by any party to include retaliation of any previous action may lead up to and include verbal warning, written warning, disqualification of daily creel, and possibly the revocation of future opportunities to participate in any OGS events. All disciplinary actions taken by the director are final. All participants are subject to being asked to submit to an examination to determine the truth in any instance the director deems necessary. Refusal to or not making oneself readily available to submit to such examination will result in a disqualification. Such examination may or may not be on the date of the tournament. No protest will be received once the rewards ceremony has commenced.

BOATING SAFETY: All boats must meet all U.S. Coast Guard requirements. All boaters will abide by all Federal, State, and Local laws governing the operation of a vessel. Boats must be equipped with operable ignition kill switch. The safety kill lanyard must be affixed to the driver of the boat during those times in which the gas engine is in operation. Every participant is required to wear a fastened type III U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device during times the gas engine is in operation. Each boat must be equipped with an operable live well capable of maintaining a limit of fish alive during tournament hours. No beverages containing alcohol will be allowed on any boat associated with the tournament during tournament hours. No person who has the appearance of being under the influence of an intoxicant will be permitted to occupy any vessel associated with the tournament. Any violation of the above safety rules will be grounds for immediate disqualification. No canoes, kayaks, air boats, or pontoon boats allowed. No fishing from an elevated platform during tournament hours.

SAFETY RULES SPECIFIED FOR CLARIFICATION: Anytime the gas power motor is in use, all persons within the boat shall be seated within the designated passenger well of the boat and in a fashion in which the captain's view is not obstructed in any way by a passenger. No sitting or standing is permitted on the casting decks of the boat during times the gas motor is in operation. Any participating boat found in violation shall be disqualified from the event.

BOAT CAPTAIN EXPECTATIONS: First and foremost, boat captains are to consider themselves as mentors to all persons associated within the event. This includes not only those anglers within their boat, but also those anglers who witness any act or failure to act who are outside of their boat. Each boat captain shall be held to the highest of standards and shall be ever mindful of setting the example to those who may witness his or her actions, before, during, and after each event. Sportsmanship is vital in this pursuit. NOTICE: There will be a boat captain's meeting held 30 minutes prior to the start of the event. A Christian based prayer will be given during the boat captain's meeting. If you or any angler does not wish to participate in the prayer, please remove yourself in a reverent manner.

BOAT CAPTAIN LIABILITY: Boat captains shall be held liable for the safety of all anglers and shall be the acting adult via local parent in all matters. Boat captains are not permitted to fish, cast, or have the appearance of fishing or casting, anytime during the fishing hours of the event. Acting as a mentor, a boat captain may offer advice, suggestions, or instruction to the anglers for which he or she has accepted as anglers within their boat. The definition of instruction shall be the least intrusive manner the boat captain may use to introduce the angler

to a method commonly used in the sport of fishing. This **may** include, boat handling, knot tying, fish recovery, hook removal, and lure retrieval from a snag. This rule **does not** include the boat captain casting, or retrieval of, any lure to demonstrate a fishing technique during tournament hours. Tournament officials may use, age, common sense, or known disability of the angler receiving instruction to possibly determine a rules infraction of this area. Captains please keep in mind to allow the angler the opportunity to accomplish any and every task solely on their own, however; when it has become obviously apparent the angler is in need of assistance you may offer the **least** intrusive manner of assistance to educate the angler. The ultimate decision of location and method of fishing is inherently that of the anglers and anglers alone; unless deemed in some way, unsafe or in violation of the sportsmanship standard by the boat captain. If at any time a boat captain has determined any angler within their boat as being unruly or defiant, the boat captain may have that angler removed by contacting said angler's parents or guardian. (tournament officials will not take custody of a child) Any infraction of the above listed rules may be grounds for disqualification, written reprimand, verbal reprimand, and or permanent eligibility removal as a captain in future OGS Tournaments events.

ANGLER EXPECTATIONS: Anglers shall exhibit only the highest standard of sportsmanship in all matters. Only the highest form of respect shall be given to Boat Captains and tournament officials. Any angler may be removed at any time from the competition at the direction of the Boat Captain and or tournament officials for due cause. This may result in the surrender of tournament entry fees and possible loss of participation in future OGS Tournament events. All anglers agree fishing, like life, may present personal obstacles that may cause undesirable outcomes. Anglers shall in all cases display complete personal effort to accomplish the tasks at hand and agree to accept instruction when times call for a learning moment.

CASH PRIZES: All cash prizes will be equally awarded to the anglers. Parents shall be mindful, any cash prize awarded to the anglers in excess of \$600 shall be reported to the IRS against a 1099MISC. All anglers, who have not previously done so, who win any amount of a cash prize shall make available to tournament officials their social security number via a W-9. (The standard personal deduction for unmarried persons under the age of 65 in the state of Alabama is \$5,250.00 while the standard federal tax deduction is \$12,000. As explained to OGS, a child in Alabama may earn \$5250.00 before taxes will be owed or mandatorily filed upon. If in doubt as to your situation, please seek professional advice. At the time of this printing, the NCAA does not recognize tournament fishing as an official sport governed by NCAA rules. Thus, your child may receive cash prizes through a fishing event and still maintain his or her amateur status. Please keep in mind OGS Tournaments LLC has been in business since 1991. As a company, OGS must maintain the business practices required by state and federal laws.) Parents shall also be aware it is common practice for the parents to share in the cost of tournament expenses to include gas and entry fees to the boat captain. These suggestions are common practice and are left to the agreement you as parents may have with the boat captain. Parents, please also keep in mind the proper selection of boat captain is at your discretion. Parents shall use due care before allowing guardianship to a boat captain of your child or children.

CLASSIC QUALIFICATION: To qualify to fish the closed classic scheduled for **September 07, 2019**, the qualifying team must finish within the top 50% of all fishermen evidenced by the year to date points. Only those partners or alternates who fished during the year with the team will be allowed into the classic to fish with a listed team Captain. In the absence of one of the Anglers, the partner may fish alone or with an alternate who fished as a team member during the series. The designated partner is determined either one of two ways. One, the partner is declared at the first tournament the boater fishes. Two, the partner is the person the boater has fished with the majority of the time. If the boater and partner have separated ways, the boater maintains all points unless an agreement is reached in writing as the previously listed boater is unable to complete the series.

ANGLER / TEAM OF THE YEAR: Angler / Team of the year is determined by point totals issued as described above. The team with the most qualifying points will win Angler of the year. The boater will win free entry into all 2020 Series qualifiers.

RELEASE: In consideration of being permitted to participate in the above tournament, participants (Releasers), for themselves, their personal representatives, executors, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge OGS Tournaments LLC, and all of their officers, directors, employees, independent contractors, and all contributors, participants, volunteers, producers, and the their agents representatives, successors, and assigns, from all liabilities, claims, actions, suits, demands, costs and expenses, for bodily injury, death, and property damage which Releasers may have against them arising out of or in any way connected to with our participation in the tournament, including but without limit to all risks, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, without regard to whether they are inherent in participating in a fishing tournament. Releasers understand that the Release is unconditional, full, and general, and that it includes all claims, whether caused by the gross or simple negligence, action, or inaction of any of the released parties. Releasers hereby further release the released parties from all claims whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or services rendered to them in connection with participants in the tournament. This release is intended to as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Alabama, and if any portion of this Release is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect. Releasers understand and agree that fishing and boating are potentially hazardous activities that could result in injury to person or property or death. Releasers have carefully read this release and fully understand the contents of it. Releasers hereby authorize the use of the name and/or likeness as well as that of their boat, free from further consideration, for promotion and advertising purposes in any media form and reproduction, including but not limited to, radio, television, internet, newspaper, brochure, and video.

These rules may or may not be all inclusive of all rules enforceable by this tournament. As different situations may arise, judgement and common sense will be applied to reach a solution to the issues being raised at the time. These rules will act as guidelines for those decisions when they can be applied. All decisions made by the director or assistant director are final. The rules are subject to change without written notice to its members and should be periodically reviewed by all members.

The mission of OGS Tournaments is to provide an educational environment designed for youth anglers to have an opportunity to advance their skills and techniques of tournament bass fishing. Through proper stewardship, encouragement, and training in the least restrictive manner, it is our hope each participant will have the opportunity to grow as an angler, as well as a person.

OGS Tournaments, LLC Youth Registration Form & Parent Consent/Release

YOUTH # 1	<p>Name: _____ Signature: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (_____) _____ E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Parent Signature: _____ Parent Phone: (_____) _____</p> <p>As the parent and legal guardian of the above named angler, I acknowledge having read all rules governing this tournament and do hereby agree to them and release all persons, corporations, and any parties associated with this tournament from all liability. I give my permission for the above named angler to compete in the associated event. As a youth angler, I also acknowledge having read all rules governing this tournament and do hereby agree to them and assume all responsibility in my conduct before, during, and after the tournament.</p>
YOUTH # 2	<p>Name: _____ Signature: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (_____) _____ E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Parent Signature: _____ Parent Phone: (_____) _____</p> <p>As the parent and legal guardian of the above named angler, I acknowledge having read all rules governing this tournament and do hereby agree to them and release all persons, corporations, and any parties associated with this tournament from all liability. I give my permission for the above named angler to compete in the associated event. As a youth angler, I also acknowledge having read all rules governing this tournament and do hereby agree to them and assume all responsibility in my conduct before, during, and after the tournament.</p>
CAPTAIN	<p>Name: _____ Signature: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Phone (_____) _____ E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>By signing this entry form I acknowledge having read all rules governing this tournament and do hereby agree to them. I also assume all responsibility in my conduct before, during, and after the tournament and the conduct of those anglers who I have on board.</p>